

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/022,263	ONO ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	<i>pw</i>
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--  
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 2-20-04 (Amendment).

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.

3.  The drawings filed on 20 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.

4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:  
 1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
 (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
     1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
     Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment received on 20 February 2004.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1 and 5-10 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The best prior art of record to Takami et al. (EP 0 820 043 A2) teaches a portable card unit processing apparatus with a communicating section, connecting section, second communicating section, display section, connection determining section, and a control section to control communicating when connected to an external device. However, Takami et al. is silent to a save storage section for holding transaction history information when the card unit is attached to the apparatus while the connection determining section determined that the external apparatus is not connected to the connection section. Sugita et al. (US 6,595,413) teaches that the IC card reader can store/display the transaction history of the IC card. However, Sugita et al. is silent to being connected to an external device, and both references are silent to storing the transaction history information into the save storage section when the connection determining section determined that the external apparatus is not connected.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Sugita (US 6,595,413), Kasai et al. (US 6,502,078), Uchida (US 4,375,032), and Takami et al. (US 6,382,505).
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Walsh whose telephone number is (571) 272-2409 (as of January 15, 2004). The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone numbers for this Group is (703) 872-9306, (703) 308-7724, or (703) 308-7382.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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